

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on **January, 25, 2010** was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on November 30, 2009. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on January 25, 2010. These drawings are acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 36-53 are allowed.
- The prior art made of record on the information disclosure statement submitted on January 25, 2010 was considered by the Examiner. However, the prior art fails to disclose the applicant's claimed and disclosed invention and the application is still patentable over the cited art.

The Examiner notes that the claims do not specifically state that the steps are performed in a specific order, however, the limitation "serves as a guidewire for the balloon catheter" clearly demonstrates that the stent carrying member has to be in place before the balloon catheter can be passed over it.

In the interview on March 11, 2010, the language was discussed to clarify that "in place" as stated above means that the stent carrying member has been placed or

inserted in the vasculature when the balloon catheter is passed over it and not that the stent carrying member is necessarily at the position where it will be deployed.

4. The combination of the claimed limitations are novel and found to be allowable over the prior art. The cited references taken alone or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious applicant's claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIN COLELLO whose telephone number is (571)270-3212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Manahan can be reached on (571) 272-4713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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